

REMARKS

Applicants express their appreciation for allowance of claims 1, 2, 5–8, 11–19 and 21–64, per the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated October 8, 2008.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 5–8, 11–19 and 21–75 will be pending. By this amendment, claims 65–75 have been added, of which claims 65, 68, and 72–75 are independent, and claims 66, 67, and 69–71 are dependent. No new matter has been added.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

New Claims 65–75

Claims 65–75 are newly presented by this amendment. Claims 65, 68, and 72–75 are independent claims which parallel previously presented claims 11, 7, 27, 24, 23, and 55, respectively, and recite similar limitations as recited therein. Therefore, based on the allowance of claims 7, 11, 23, 24, 27, and 55, claims 65, 68, and 72–75 should therefore also be allowable. Further, since new claims 66 and 67 depend from claim 65, and claims 69–71 depend from claim 68, claims 66, 67, and 69–71 should therefore also be allowable.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

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